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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, Intelligence Producers Council

FROM: [REDACTED]
Chief, Intelligence Producers Council Staff

SUBJECT: Final Draft FY 1990 US Policymakers' National Intelligence Topics (NITs)

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1. As you know, a year and a half ago we set in motion a number of initiatives to revitalize the NITs and to make them truly responsive to policymaker needs. The changes we instituted within the FY 1989 NITs were enthusiastically endorsed by both the intelligence and the policymaking communities. The FY 1990 NITs represent a continuation of this improvement process. [REDACTED]

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2. As we promised last year, the FY 1990 NITs are being provided prior to your development of new intelligence research and production agendas. The attached final draft has been reviewed, coordinated, and approved by the IPC's NITs Working Group. Although the document has not yet been formally promulgated, the NSC Policy Coordinating Committee for Intelligence (PCC-I)--chaired by the Director, IC Staff--is expected to review and approve the NITs in the near future. In the meantime, the draft FY 1990 NITs can be used in your preliminary production and collection planning. [REDACTED]

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3. The most significant enhancement to the FY 1990 NITs is the identification of "issues of highest policy interest." Each Working Group representative provided a list of his agency's "Top Ten" NIT issues. This resulted in a combined list of 72 unique policy issues of priority interest. Because of its diverse interests, the National Security Council Staff did not submit a "Top Ten" list but did review and endorse the "Top Ten" lists developed by the other policymaking organizations. These issues are summarized at the beginning of each category in the NITs document and are highlighted throughout the text. All of the NIT items are important, but those flagged as being of highest policy interest should be given priority consideration by production and collection managers. [REDACTED]

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4. We have also made several other improvements in the FY 1990 NITs:

- o We have enlarged the membership of the NITs Working Group to include representatives from ACDA, Justice, and USTR--bringing the total number of policymaking organizations represented on the working group to 10.
- o The Working Group also conducted a zero-base review, deleted several outdated requirements, and rewrote many others to consolidate similar intelligence needs.
- o The increased representation and the widening areas of interest have, however, resulted in a modest growth in the NITs. There are 346 subtopics for FY 1990 compared to 295 for FY 1989.
- o We also restructured the Regional Issues category to make it more useful and more consistent with the other two categories. This will also enhance our ability to monitor intelligence production as well as gaps relative to the NITs.
- o We created two new NITs -- International Environmental Problems and Ballistic Missile Proliferation.
- o [REDACTED]
- o We moved the 1989 NIT on SDI from the Special Subjects category to the USSR category.
- o The NIT on POWs/MIAs was recast under the Indochina subtopic.
- o We eliminated the Special Subjects category altogether. [REDACTED]

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5. If you have any special problems with the NITs or note any major incongruities, please contact me or [REDACTED] by 5 May. [REDACTED]

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Attachment:
Draft of FY 1990 NITs

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